



*Michael Scholl '97 uses a full court press to improve the lives of South African children.*

paign,” attests Scholl. “This is actually getting involved with the children so they can see themselves in the future.”

Loveline offers free coaching and court time in exchange for the children’s participation in study sessions and HIV and AIDS prevention classes. Through a well-balanced program of education, sports and life skills, the children not only see immediate improvement in their game, but also in their lives.

Although Scholl has found a sense of purpose and fulfillment in his work in South Africa, he does not regret any of his past accomplishments. On the contrary, Scholl credits his background in law for his ability to communicate effectively as a mentor, teacher, motivational speaker and coach. But for as much as he has taught the children of South Africa, Scholl feels as if he is also a student.

“When you see a people that have such a dignity in their poverty and are hungry for opportunity, it is impossible not to realize that all people matter,” says Scholl.

As for his future, Scholl wants to continue to bolster Loveline’s programs and would like to continue to extend his message by organizing basketball programs in schools across South Africa.

“The children see that what they do on and off the court has a real effect on their lives,” says Scholl. ■

## A HISTORY OF **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### Eight New Members Appointed to Board of Visitors

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The School of Law recently appointed eight new members to its Board of Visitors, bringing with them several decades of experience in different areas of law as well as a history of community involvement. The new board members are The Hon. Andre M. Davis '78, Miriam L. Fisher '85, Edward F. Houff '77, The Hon. Barbara Kerr Howe '69, Robert J. Kim '83, Col. David B. Mitchell '96, Hamish S. Osborne '86 and Mary Katherine Scheeler '53. “These individuals represent an incredible group of dedicated legal professionals, whose commitment to the School and its future is unmatched. The University is truly honored to have them serve on the board for the next three years,” notes Karen H. Rothenberg, dean of the School of Law.

**THE HON. ANDRE M. DAVIS'** involvement with the School of Law spans some two decades—as a student, a faculty member, and most recently, as president of the Alumni Association. In his role as president, Davis encouraged alumni to recommit themselves to the law school. As far as his new role goes, Davis notes, “I am delighted and honored to be a member of the Board of Visitors. It is a real opportunity to continue my close relationship with the School of Law, which I greatly prize.” Davis, who has sat on the bench of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland since 1995, also has served as

assistant U.S. attorney for Maryland; associate judge, District Court of Maryland, Baltimore City; and associate judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court. Outside the courtroom, Davis is involved in numerous activities, including The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland and the School of Law’s Community Law in Action Program, which exposes high school students to the legal system.

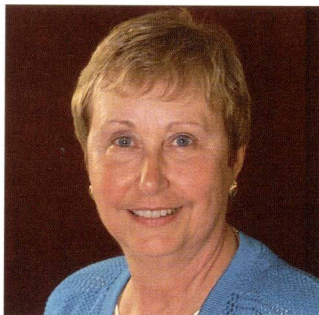


**MIRIAM L. FISHER,** a partner in the Washington, D.C., firm of Hogan & Hartson, LLP, and a specialist in tax-related law and litigation, admits she wasn’t paying much attention to the law school after her graduation in 1985. When she later became involved, however, she was “blown away by the caliber of the programs and the availability of new technology to students and faculty, especially in the new building.” Her goal for the School of Law is quite simple—to generate alumni excitement. “I would like to see more alumni participation in the School’s activities, particularly among

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my generation of graduates.” And Fisher knows a little something about generations of graduates—her family includes three generations of Maryland graduates. “I have a great deal of respect for what Dean Rothenberg has already accomplished,” Fisher explains. I want to help her continue to raise the profile of the School, not only in the Baltimore-Washington area, but nationwide.”



**EDWARD F. HOUFF'S** roots with the University date back to his undergraduate days. He also has served as adjunct faculty at the School of Law. His commitment to legal education is further illustrated by his service as a faculty member of the Defense Research Institute's Asbestos Medicine/Litigation Seminar since 1986. Houff was president and managing shareholder of Church & Houff in Baltimore, where he represented corporate and personal clients in several jury trials in asbestos personal injury cases. In October, Houff became deputy general counsel of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. in Houston, where he oversees Kaiser's asbestos litigation. “This is an exciting time to be on the board. The opening of the new building will usher in a new era in legal education. Our job is to ensure that the School continues to be at the forefront in providing students with novel ways to learn and practice the law,” notes Houff. “Despite the physical distance, I'm confident that the building's state-of-the-art technology will make it easy for me to keep abreast of what's happening at the School.”

For the **HON. BARBARA KERR HOWE**, keeping the law school on its current course will almost be a family obligation—in addition to herself, her father, brother and daughter are all graduates of the School of Law. Having a number of alumni in the family prepared Howe for her involvement in an even larger family of graduates—as president of the School's Alumni Association. “Dean Rothenberg has done an excellent job and things are going extremely well for the School. While I hope the School stays the course, I also will work to ensure that we get adequate funding for future endeavors,” Howe asserts. Although Howe retired from the Circuit Court of Baltimore County in January 2001, that hasn't stopped her from making decisions that affect judges and lawyers around the country; she is part of a committee that evaluates the judicial systems of several other states. In addition, Howe has served on several professional committees and has received a number of awards and honors statewide.

Although **ROBERT J. KIM'S** parents wanted him to attend medical school, Kim was much happier with his decision to become an attorney—lucky for the School of Law. “Basically, our purpose on the board is to give input to the dean and the administrators, and to constantly raise the standards of the law school,” Kim explains. “The bottom line is that I'll do whatever Dean Rothenberg wants me to do. Seriously though, I can't imagine anyone who isn't already impressed with the current state of the School.” Kim does have a few specific goals, including increasing private funding



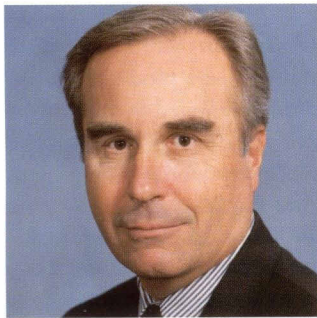
and scholarships. Kim, a partner at McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan & Kim, PA, primarily focuses on legal matters pertaining to business transactions, civil litigation (concentrating on title insurance litigation and commercial litigation) and administrative law (Liquor Board, Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board, Tax Court). Kim's ability to speak Korean has helped him develop a niche representing Asian business owners in the Washington, D.C., area.



For **COL. DAVID B. MITCHELL**, “going to law school was a life-changing event for me and I want to give back to the School in every way possible.” As he begins his term on the Board of Visitors, he has a number of goals in mind. “One involves new challenges as we face events after Sept. 11. Terrorism, the threat of biological warfare, and even related health care issues all have legal ramifications. It is necessary that the next generation of lawyers be given the tools to deal with these issues.” Mitchell has spent 30 years in law enforcement. He has risen through the ranks of the Prince George's County Police to become chief of police before his appointment as superintendent for the



State Police by Gov. Parris N. Glendening in 1995, his current post. Mitchell is well-known for his commitment to community policing and his efforts have led to the nation's first Statewide Community Policing Academy. In addition, Mitchell is active in community organizations such as the Maryland Special Olympics and the United Way.



Formerly a private practice attorney specializing in real estate and corporate law, **HAMISH S. OSBORNE** now devotes his time to managing his family's investments and enjoying retirement on his farm in Easton, Md. Osborne also devotes a good deal of time to nonprofit organizations. "As I got more involved with nonprofit organizations, I became less involved with law. These days I'm more involved in the business end of my dealings rather

than the legal side," he explains. Osborne, however, is committed to the School of Law and looks forward to serving on the Board of Visitors. "My No. 1 priority will be to continue working hard toward increasing endowment funds. I would also like to see increased alumni support. With an increase in alumni involvement, good things happen. I have a good feeling in my heart about the law school. It represents a terrific cross-section of people, both in the student body and in its faculty, and I want the University of Maryland to become one of the best. We are already well on our way to reaching that goal."

An attorney for six decades, **MARY KATHERINE SCHEELER** practices what she calls "elder" or "senior-specific" law, involving, for the most part, wills, powers of attorney, living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care. In addition to her legal practice, Scheeler is a columnist for the *Towson Times* and has been on the boards of several organizations, such as the Baltimore County Historical Society, the Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council and Franklin Square Hospital. "I have always been active wherever my children were at the time. I have a strong interest in both children



and the community," she says. As a new member of the board, Scheeler "wants to be a liaison between the School and the community. Many people outside of the Baltimore-Washington metro area are unaware of the School's activities and need to be informed about the terrific things happening at the law school. The School has been blessed with Dean Rothenberg, an excellent lawyer, teacher and administrator. The School is definitely headed in the right direction." ■

## A Special Luncheon for **Women Graduates**

OCT. 4, 2001 – THE POLO GRILL

**Back row, from left:** Iris Rosenblatt '59, Mary Katherine Scheeler '53, Emily Rody '69, Dean Karen H. Rothenberg, Kathryn Levedahl '67, Frances Knopf '48 and Anne Kramer '63

**Front row, from left:** The Hon. Suzanne Sherwood '53, Annarose Sleeth Bowers '44, Dorothy Jackson Miller '45 and Constance Putzel '45

